

CRUELLY STABS GIRL WHO WOULD NOT MARRY HIM

Sicilian Attacks Young Woman
in Street and Carves
Up Her Face.

CAPTURED BY A WOMAN

Victim's Aunt Grapples With
Assailant Until Truck
Driver Fells Him.

Angelo Citra, a gifted, shiftless young musician, who has only been in this country three weeks, undertook today to exercise some of the gentle knife arts of his home province of Palermo on Marie Vandoni, a pretty Sicilian girl, who wouldn't marry him. He marked her for life with a cruel crook-blade knife that he brought from Sicily with him, and now he is in Headquarters, with the prospect that before he gets clear of it he will be doing what he has never done in his life—a few months or years of hard manual labor.

Left Home to Escape Him.

Marie Vandoni lives with her aunt, Mrs. Philomena Fabria, at No. 24 East Twenty-fourth street. There she left the old country as used to be pestered by the attentions of this same young Angelo Citra, who could play the violin like one inspired, but who couldn't earn a decent living for himself, let alone a wife. It was principally to escape the too persistent suitors that the young woman came over here a year ago.

It must have taken Angelo a good while to raise the money for his passage, for he didn't get here until last month. He got board at No. 304 East One Hundred and Thirtieth street, which is in Little Italy, and proceeded to devote all his leisure time, of which he had much, to waylaying Marie and begging her to marry him.

Finally the other night she told him she didn't intend to marry anybody; she had learned English and had a good place in a west side department store.

Threatened to "Fix" Her.

"I know the reason," he said. "There is another man. Well, if I can't have you, I'll fix you so no one else will want you. I'll engrave the Mafia cross on you."

The Mafia cross, it develops is a fancy that was instituted years ago by jealous lovers in Sicily. The discarded one cuts a wavy, irregular cross in the cheek of the girl.

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Aunt Grapples with Him.

As the three women passed he jumped from his ambush, with his knife in his hands. From behind her he made one quick stroke across Marie's right shoulder, and a hideous cack, that ran from ear to lip, fell open in her face. Angelo seized her hair and pulled her head back, intending to finish the Mafia cross, but he never got a chance.

The girl friend had run, but the aunt, Mrs. Fabria, was on him like a tigress. She is a buxom, good-looking, muscular woman, and she gouged him in the eye and struck him in the face until he broke away, dropping his knife and trying to escape.

Truck Driver Fells Him.

Mrs. Fabria hung on to him, fighting desperately, the two wrestled along up Lexington avenue almost to Twenty-seventh street. Then a third party took a hand. Christy Riley, a milk truckman, of No. 36 East Forttenth street, had seen the attack. He jumped from his truck and came running with an oaken dray-stake in his hands. He saw the Mafia cross and it caught Angelo across the face.

While Citra lay on the ground, Police-men Hartwick and Kreutzer, of the Traffic squad, arrived. They had jumped off a Madison avenue car. The two policemen hustled the self-stunned Sicilian away to the station before the big crowd that had already gathered had a chance to indulge in anything more violent than loud talking.

Dr. Connelly, of Bellevue Hospital, dressed Marie Vandoni's wound and took her home. Despite a great loss of blood she is not dangerously hurt. But her face will always be marked with the long red scar.

RECLUSE DIES IN ROOM HE OCCUPIED 20 YEARS.

Gregory Martin Had Seven Bank
Books Showing Deposits
of \$6,000.

After living twenty years in one room on the second floor of the tenement at No. 129 Beekman street, Gregory Martin, fifty years old, died this morning suddenly and alone. Little known by any of his neighbors, he was a recluse, his neighbors say, and none knew aught about him or his relatives or friends. Every day he went out to work, returning late in the evening.

Early this morning Martin called a boy to him from the hallway and sent him to seek a doctor, saying he was ill. The boy went to the Oak street police station and got Detective Hammack, who telephoned for an ambulance from the Madison street station. But Martin died before the ambulance arrived.

Seven bank books were found in Martin's room, all purporting to show deposits in savings institutions of from \$500 to \$1,000—about \$6,000 in all.

ADVERTISING CLUBS TO MEET IN CINCINNATI.

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MOB LEADERS LECTURED AND HELD FOR TRIAL

Magistrate Wahle Says People
Cannot Take the Law
Into Their Hands.

Magistrate Wahle delivered a brief

lecture on mob violence in the Harlem Court today, when four men were arraigned before him, each of them fresh from the hospital, redolent of ammonia and bandaged and patched so thoroughly that their features were scarcely distinguishable.

George Keatner, thirty-three years old, of No. 214 East Twenty-ninth street, was the most forlorn of the four. He was charged with an attempted assault on eight-year-old Sadie Ham-burger, of No. 302 East Ninety-fifth street. When he arrived at the Harlem Hospital on Monday he was practically naked, cut and bruised from head to foot from the pummeling of a mob. When the charge was read against him the Magistrate held him in \$500 bail for Special Sessions.

Three men who had led the mob against him were also held for Special Sessions. They are Joseph Connolly, eighteen years old, of No. 25 East Ninety-fifth street; Henry Heltman, thirty-seven, of No. 197 Second avenue, and Charles Borg, twenty-seven, of No. 132 First avenue. The reserves who rescued Keatner from them and several hundred men and women had not spared the hickory in taking them into custody.

Young Connolly had so many wounds on his head that the surgeons had to shave off all his hair to plaster and stitch them. Borg and Heltman also had the appearance of battle-scarred heroes. Their lawyers tried to make out that they had done something heroic in beating Keatner into unconsciousness and ripping off every button of his clothing. The Court did not see it in that light, and said:

"Mob rule doesn't go in this city, and it won't go at any stage of the game. There has been altogether too much of this frenzied mob business, and those who instigate it should be punished severely. You three thought that you take the law into your own hands and deal with this man. You will find out you are getting through, however, that you made a big mistake. I will hold you in \$500 bail each for trial on a charge of interfering with an officer."

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